

Plainfield adult school receives international marketing award

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Adult School recently walked off with first place honors in marketing strategies for its Fall bulletin at the Learning Resources Network's (LERN) 21st Annual Conference. LERN, an international association of lifelong learning, provides information and consulting services to organizations offering educational programming for adults. The conference was held in San Francisco with the theme "Prospering in the

1990's."

"I really didn't expect to win," Henry Thompson, Director of the Adult School said. "We came up against some stiff competition from other schools, colleges, trade and technical schools, hospitals, recreation departments and the like." Twenty winners emerged from more than 200 entries in such categories as finances, leadership and management and marketing.

"More than 500 participants attended the conference," Thompson said, "from all over the country." Professionals from forty states and five countries attended. Plainfield Adult School of Continuing Education's 1993 Fall Bulletin won for most successful promotion techniques, conducting high response surveys and best brochure ideas for 1994.

In his application for the award nomination, Thompson explained

how the bulletins helped to increase enrollment by more than 3 percent, increasing revenue, participant's response and increased media response.

This is the second time this year that the Plainfield Adult School has won an award for its bulletin. The school won "Best Brochure in New Jersey" from the New Jersey Adult Learners Organization in the spring. The Plainfield Adult School currently has a total enrollment of 1,190 students.



Henry Thomas, director of Plainfield Adult School displays the award.



Ollie Jones of Plainfield named Union County employee of the month

ELIZABETH—Ollie Jones of Plainfield, Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs, Department of Public Safety, for Union County has been chosen as "Employee of the Month" for December. Union County Freeholder Chairman Linda-Lee Kelly and Union County Manager Ann Baran presented a resolution and certificates of appreciation to "As director of consumer affairs, her division saves consumers in our county approximately \$250,000 annually, and she makes a special effort to alert our senior citizens to potential consumer fraud," said Baran. "This fall she recovered \$4,000 for one senior citizen who was defrauded by a building contractor."

Freeholder Chairman Kelly said that Jones was nominated for "her consistently outstanding job performances. She regularly does more than her job responsibilities call for, often speaking to groups of citizens throughout the county, mostly after regular business hours. She really deserves this award." Jones also receives a day off with pay for her efforts.

Being Black in America: A Real Picture

January 8th is a very important day for you to pick up a phone. That's the day of the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars Telethon" benefiting the United Negro College Fund.

On that day, the UNCF goes to the airwaves asking for your help. Your pledge can answer the prayers of young people who want a college education.

It's a chance to show your concern. It's an opportunity to help them have a better life.

You can also show your concern by picking up the phone right now. Offer to help answer the telephones at this year's telethon. Call your local UNCF office to find out how.

The reality of being Black in America includes all of us. It is up to all of us to answer the call for a better-educated world.

And answering a prayer is as easy as picking up a phone.

Support the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars Telethon" benefiting the United Negro College Fund January 8th on your local television channel. Date may vary in some markets. Check your local listing for exact time and date.



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For four years, "Dolores" has managed to carve out a successful career as a commercial photographer. She is based in Los Angeles, California.

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Men of courage nominated for Image Award

GLENDALE, CA—The Nestle USA program Men Of Courage, has been nominated by the NAACP to receive an Image Award in January 1994. The program is available free as a community service by the company and has reached more than 2 million young people in schools and community groups across the country.

The program consists of a book profiling 34 successful black men, a video focusing on eight of the men and a teaching curriculum that includes materials for use in the classroom. In addition to providing the materials free of charge to schools that request them, Nestle has made more than 100 school presentations to young people across the country.

At each presentation, several of the men profiled share their stories with students, bringing their message of goal-

setting and hard work to life. According to Kenneth Bentley, director, community Affairs, Nestle USA, and author of the book *Men of Courage*, "the goal of Men Of Courage is the hope it instills in young people that they can achieve their dreams. Being recognized by the NAACP just confirms for us that the program we have developed is worthy of the attention of the children to which it is presented. We are honored by this nomination."

Men Of Courage was developed to provide a positive view of black men for young people. The men profiled in Men Of Courage each has a story that includes hardships and struggles that face many African-American today. Their message of determination serves first and foremost to combat the notion that circumstances can keep you from success.

Bentley stated, "young people need to know that it's not where you start that's important, it's how you finish that counts. It's important for young people to understand that the only thing that can keep you from achieving your goals is yourself. Nestle is proud to be able to bring to you this message through the stories of so many successful men."

Nestle USA has an extensive publications program, as part of its Community Affairs effort. In addition to *Men Of Courage*, the company will publish *Women Of Courage* in 1994, focusing on African-American women and Rising Voices: Profiles in Leadership that highlights the accomplishments of Hispanics. All of Nestle USA's publications are available free to schools and community groups who request them.



Union County honors ATTF

ELIZABETH—Union County recently honored the Essex-Union Auto Theft Task Force (A.T.T.F.) and all law enforcement officers assigned to the team. According to Freeholder Mario Paparozzi, "The A.T.T.F., a joint effort of Union and Essex counties, has caused auto theft to decline 21 percent last year and 17 percent so far this year, we are proud of their dedication, devotion and hard work in a dangerous occupation."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

NEWARK—The Newark Symphony Orchestra presents Panorama Concerts for Families: "Exploring the World of Music" at 1:30 p.m. in Newark Symphony Hall. For more info, call 1-800-ALLEGRO.

NEWARK—At the Newark Museum "Young Playwrights' Showcase" in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

NEWARK—Winter Family Festival at the Newark Museum includes hands-on art workshops, stage shows, music exhibits and planetarium shows. For more

information call 201-596-6550.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

MONTCLAIR—Montclair Art Museum presents The Haslam Spiritual Ensemble. The performance keeps alive the traditions of the Negro spiritual, for more information call 201-746-5555.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

MANHATTAN—The Children's Museum of the Arts presents a mural making workshop every hour between noon and 3 p.m. For more info, call 212-941-9196.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City Public Li-

brary will present the movie "All the King's Men" at the Mildred H. Hunke Auditorium at the Five Corners Branch Library. For more info, call 201-545-4545.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

NEWARK—The Newark Coalition for Neighborhoods is sponsoring the 1994 Highpointers X Commemoration at the Newark Public Library at 8:30 p.m. For more info, call 201-509-1051.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

MORRISTOWN—Winter activities at Forestlawn Living Historical Farms include ice-cutting on farm pond, or maple sugaring, depending on the weather. Kitchen demonstrations in the wintertime.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

PLAINFIELD—The Black Women's History Conference presents a post Kwanzaa Celebration at the Masonic Temple from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more info, call 201-232-2505.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

MARLBOROUGH—The York Institute of Technology presents Mind Games: Brain Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain. Five days of lectures and studio exercises from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call 718-817-8747.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Public Library presents the movie "JFK" featuring Kevin Costner and Sean Connery at 7 p.m. For more info, call 201-547-4546.

PLAINFIELD—An income tax workshop will be held at Plainfield High School from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Concert at 3 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

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National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

Legalize drugs? Surgeon General sparks controversy, poll: The nation's top black Surgeon General, Joycelyn Elders, created a stir over her month when she suggested that the federal government study the idea of legalizing drugs. Elders responded to a reporter's question saying, "I do feel that we would markedly reduce our crime rate if drugs were legalized." Her comments prompted almost instant criticism from both black and white political figures. President Clinton labeled himself "firmly against" legalizing drugs and Congressional Black Caucus member Charles Rangel of New York said he was "shocked." But Elders drew support from black Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke, who long advocated treating drug use as a medical problem and not a crime.

Meanwhile, the Washington, D.C.-based National Black News Survey is conducting a national survey on the idea. To give your comments on whether or not drugs such as marijuana and cocaine should be legalized, call 202-895-5246 or write, NBNS, 1221 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 522, Washington, D.C. 20005. —WASHINGTON, DC

Large number of black males do not want to marry: According to a recently released study by the Journal of Marriage and the Family, an unusually large 23 percent of black males aged 19 to 25 plan never to get married. Their counterparts, 19 percent of white males and only seven percent of Hispanic males in the same age group who plan never to marry. The report found 13 percent of black females (19 to 25) also do not plan to marry. Experts say reluctance to marry undermines family structure and harms children raised in homes without fathers. The report did not make it clear why such a large percentage of young black males planned never to marry. —WASHINGTON, DC

Jesse Jackson accuses Clinton of showing him no respect: National black political leader Jesse Jackson says President Clinton is treating him disrespectfully. Jackson and Clinton were at odds during the 1992 election campaign, but the two had reportedly smoothed over their differences. However, Jackson told *Time magazine*, "He [Clinton] spent his campaign distancing himself from me. Now that he's president, he's trying to dismiss me." Jackson accused Clinton of trying to "prop up other black leaders." But he charged the alleged strategy "was not working." —NEW YORK, NY

Mississippi rallies around fired black principal: Blacks and whites throughout Mississippi have rallied to the support of a fired black principal who allowed students to recite prayers over the high school intercom system. Bishop Knox says he is not surprised by the level of support. He explained, "It is not a black or white issue. It is a matter of religious freedom." Knox was dismissed in late November after school off-

cials warned him to discontinue the prayers which they said were a violation of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling banning organized prayers in public schools. A rally in Knox's support drew several thousand people, including Governor Kirk Fordice. Knox is currently fighting his dismissal in court. —JACKSON, MS

Rural community harasses white girls for acting black: Since mid-November, at least five white girls have withdrawn from a nearly all-white rural Indiana school. The girls charged they were jeered and spat on for "dressing and acting black." The girls were dressed in what they called "hip hop style which includes baggy pants and blouses. One of the only two black students at the 850-student North Newton Junior-Senior High School has also withdrawn citing racial slurs and fights with white students. Police are currently investigating to see if any laws have been violated in the Morocco, Indiana school. —MORROCO, IN

Black Denver mayor draws fire for gang list: The black mayor of Denver is being accused of racism against minorities after he defended a police listing of 6,567 alleged gang members. Mayor Wellington Webb said the list was designed to help police combat gangs and drugs. But since 90 percent of the names on the list were either black or Hispanic young men, critics charge that the city's "war on drugs" has become little more than "a war on minorities." Blacks and Hispanics account for 36 percent of Denver's population. Webb remains popular among the city's whites but his commitment to bettering conditions for minorities is being questioned by liberal groups and some African-American leaders. Denver NAACP head Rev. Oscar Moore said of the gang list, "which includes only two out of every three young black males in the city: 'This is harassment. It's not a crackdown on gangs; it's a crackdown on blacks.' —DENVER, CO

South African whites prepare for war: Published reports suggest a rapidly growing number of right-wing whites in South Africa are attending military training camps in anticipation of what they believe will be a race war against the country's black majority. Some black will be allowed to vote for the first time in the country's history. They are widely expected to elect African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela as the country's first black president. That prospect has the whites living in fear. Mandela spent 27 years in prison for his struggle against white minority rule. Despite overtures for racial reconciliation, the whites fear Mandela and his supporters will exact revenge. The leader of the main right-wing white group is openly racist. Neil Fourie said, "The black is a very slow thinker." —SOUTH AFRICA

Consumer video on free loan

NEWARK—The video "A Consumer Quiz for New Jersey High Schools," presented by the New Jersey Consortium for Consumer Education, is available on free loan from the New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs offices.

The video, which can also be used for younger and adult audiences with appropriate introductory comments, covers seven consumer topics including consumer rights, credit cards, buying a car, the lemon law, automobile insurance, green marketing and anabolic steroids. These topics were selected by polling more than 300 New Jersey students from rural, urban and suburban communities.

Welfare reform across America

By William Reed

The Clinton administration hopes its pending welfare reform program will encourage the country's poor to seek full-time employment rather than remain on welfare. Before the end of 1993, an administration task force is expected to hand President Bill Clinton recommendations on how he can move to overhaul a woeful welfare system. A key part expected in the proposal will be the recommendation to limit most welfare payments to teenagers and require recipients to seek work.

Even before Clinton gets his recommendations for reform of welfare, the state of Wisconsin will have adopted a "Work Not Welfare" program that will provide the framework of what the White House might do.

The Wisconsin plan, which formally starts in 1995, calls for counties in the state to require welfare recipients to work for their benefits for two years, at which point cash benefits would end. Under the plan, after up to 12 months of job training, welfare recipients would be required to work for their benefits if necessary in unpaid community service jobs or special "independence jobs" created for the program. At the end of the second year, cash benefits would end, although

"transitional benefits," such as child care would continue for another year.

The legislation reflects the nearly unanimous American view that the existing welfare system is a mess, and the clamoring of most taxpayers, who say that welfare benefits should be tied more closely to work. Public opinion polls in Wisconsin show a more than 80 percent approval rating for the "Work Not Welfare" idea.

President Clinton's promise to "end welfare as we know it" was key in his 1992 campaign. Now that he is in office and is responding to public outcry, Clinton has a "deadline head" on welfare. He also has promised a two-year limit on welfare benefits followed by a work program for those who cannot get jobs in the private sector, but translating that pledge into national legislation has proven to be a daunting task.

The Wisconsin program is not all about driving people into the streets and homelessness. It has waiver provisions to be extended beyond the two-year limit when no appropriate private sector jobs are available in the community. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said, "We're looking at a range of ways in which states can provide work opportunities, including subsidies to businesses for providing jobs to recipients."

Sixty percent of all black families are headed by single parents. The majority of these women and millions of these black women are receiving monthly checks from the Aid to Families with

Dependent Children (AFDC). While blacks are by no means the only group of welfare recipients, two thirds of all welfare recipients are white, we still have to be vigilant and gauge the impact such a national plan will have on us. Any system to aid the poor must take into account certain fundamentals, among them, that some people need help in a hurry; that children need protection; and that a welfare population extending from inner-city ghettos to isolated rural hillsides, is one of incredible diversity.

Clinton and the state's governors will have to do what they have to do. The shape of the treasury and citizens' attitudes toward welfare are changing, and neither of these allow maintenance of the status quo. What does the future hold for people on welfare? One thing they'd better do is prepare for only a limited time on the public dole. And that's fair, isn't it?

Renewal

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parents or great-grandparents—and then to the children. The elders give the children hope.

Traditionally, everyone gets a year older on New Year's Day, though most Korean-Americans celebrate individual birthdays. In fact, though this New Year's ritual is still practiced in Korea, most Korean-Americans households do not observe the day so formally. Instead, Korean cultural centers in cities with sizable Korean populations organize bowing ceremonies to preserve the tradition in the local Korean-American community.

Native Americans: The Celebration of the Morningstar. Native Americans recognize the importance of ancestral traditions and honor them many times throughout the year. Since the Native calendar is also a 13-month lunar calendar, some tribes celebrate at the end of

the 13th month, in late January or early February. Now, however, many tribes are doing the New Year on January 1.

In traditional times, the Plains tribes celebrated Spring, after the first thunder, as recognition of the new year and a time when mother nature displays her beauty and all of nature comes to life. Some Plains tribes still hold Spring Wicips (pow wows) and offer tobacco to thank the great spirit for the coming year. While different tribes have different customs for this time of year, many Native communities celebrate in the same way, says Charon Asetoyer, who is Comanche and lives on the Yankton Sioux Reservation in South Dakota.

The celebration often begins with a powwow, during which families and dances in magnificence. (Continued on page 8)



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EDITORIAL

New Year new changes

In this year of new change it is important to reflect and learn from the past and look forward to the future. As Americans search for change we must realize that change is not a mystical power, it is a process that takes time, perseverance, and pain. We must take an introspective look into our motivations for the present and future.

We must set goals as a new year dawns and work toward accomplishing those goals.

We can be sure that 1994 is bound to bring more triumphs and tribulations. It is important to re-establish those old friendships.

In our society where we have guns, drugs, violence, and a host of other problems, we must escape the grasp of hopelessness. We must look past the brick walls of the projects, the length of the unemployment lines, and the fear of dying AIDS patients, to the dawn of a new year. We must feel hopeful that the future holds solutions to our present problems. In doing so we must utilize America's most important resource—its people—to create the "promise land" we longed for in the 60's.

The staff at City News wishes you and yours happy holidays and a great new year. We thank you for allowing us to be your newspaper and look forward to serving you in this upcoming year!

CPAs are target of unfair lawsuits

Dear editor,

New Jersey's civil justice system needs to be reformed to diminish the growing number of abusive lawsuits that clog our court system, drive up prices, and stymie economic growth. Growing numbers of businesses, professionals, parents, and consumers are fed up with lawsuits and are seeking out a change.

There are over 16,000 certified public accountants (CPAs) in New Jersey and we are in a unique position to see the wide range of victims and damage caused by abusive lawsuits. CPAs in public accounting serve hundreds of thousands of businesses and individuals. Thousands of other CPAs are employed directly by large and small companies. Through this extensive interaction, we see firsthand how the system is abused and it causes harm.

Abusive litigation hurts everyone. Consumers pay a "hidden tax" for the escalating cost of liability insurance through higher prices for products and services. Businesses waste money and time defending themselves against baseless lawsuits. Millions of dollars that could be spent on job creation, worker training, technical innovation and other activities creating economic growth are diverted instead to responding to baseless suits.

Increasingly, CPAs themselves are the targets of meritless litigation. Typically, CPAs face three types of damages when consumers go bankrupt or when their practices suddenly close sharply. As the auditors for these companies, and generally the only solvent party left, a firm can be forced to pay for damages it didn't cause. These firms often agree to settle even when they are confident they can win their case in court. It is simply too costly and time consuming to fight baseless lawsuits in our currently structured legal system.

The New Jersey Society of CPAs, representing the interests of the public and business community, is working with lawmakers to improve our civil justice system. We must reform a legal system that has run amuck. A more fair and reasonable system is in the interest of all New Jerseyans.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Carey, CPA

President New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants

Drums in the global village

Save the Les Brown show!

By Todd Burroughs

By the time you read this, "The Les Brown" show may be dead. But, we in the black community, can keep it alive if we care enough about the positive way Brown has presented black people on his nationally syndicated television talk show.

"Les Brown Show," which began in September, has been put on an uncheduled hiatus by its syndicator, King World (, the same distributor of "The Oprah Winfrey Show," the groundbreaking program that opened up the genre to almost everybody with a personality and a microphone). A national wire service recently

reported that King World (KW) "won't make a decision about canceling the low-rated talk show until it has an opportunity to examine demographic results from the November sweeps."

"Despite the reports that KW will cancel the station until [December] 15 to decide if they want to replace Les Brown with a new talker hosted by Geraldine Watts" possibly as early as January—the spokeswoman said the Watts project remains on track for a fall 1994 premiere. You may ask why the black community should care about another television talk show. My answer would be that *The Les Brown Show* is not just another television program and that Brown is not just another television show host.

Unlike other hosts who spent their lives on television as detached members of society, Brown was a well-known, motivational speaker, a well-known public community activist and radio/television commentator in Florida and Ohio. He was so strong an activist on the radio in those states, that he got kicked off the air more than once.

When U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, then a local state's attorney in Florida, investigated a youth program run by Brown, he mounted a counter-protest. "Public support forced Reno to drop the investigation," Brown wrote in his book *Leave Your Dreams*.

The only thing they found wrong with my program was 'sloppy bookkeeping.' Otherwise, I was exonerated, but only after living under a cloud of allegations for a year." In the end, they did duress this startling admission. I had actually spent \$13,000 of my own money to subsidize the program. Brown, raised in poverty in Florida, still maintains an active involvement with troubled youth.

On *The Les Brown Show* blacks are seen as people who have solutions, not as those who just cause problems. When Brown aired a November show on problems with urban black males, his show spent the entire hour focusing on a black-run program that deserved. Do you think Geraldo would have done that?

Brown deserves our support. And for those who think protest to save shows don't work, remember that *Where I Live*, the ABC-TV sitcom, is back on the air now only because the black community protested.

Send a two-sentence letter or postcard supporting the *Les Brown Show* to Michael King, president and chief executive officer, King World, 12400 Wilshire Building, West Los Angeles, CA 90025. Make a copy of the letter and send it to Roger King, chairman of the Board, King World, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

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by Connie Woodruff

I don't know about you, but for me 1993 will always be a memorable year, politically speaking. It was a year that clearly emphasized a new political awareness among African-Americans, from Cape May to Bergen County. It was a year that challenged the norm of politics as we've known it for many years.

The theory of coalitions was tested in Essex county, when East Orange Mayor, Cardell Cooper and Essex County Sheriff, Sam Rabinowitz, joined forces to defeat the citizens of their county chairman Tom D'Alessio to win a hard fought primary election, to retain their respective offices successfully defended in the November election.

The victories of the mayor and the senator do not necessarily mean an end to Democratic bossism in Essex, but it sure put a dent in the armor of political pietism and established a new brand of leadership represented by Tom Giblin, a labor leader with a new point of view.

A precedent was also set by voters in East Orange that sent shock waves throughout the state. In the end, voters proved they would no longer play follow-the-leader, but would vote in their own interest based on the records of the candidates they preferred.

It was a bitter lesson for Cooper's challenger, former councilman Ralph Harris, a nice man who should not give up politics despite a devastating defeat. He was simply backed by the wrong person.

But it was a good thing for the people of East Orange, who said loud and clear they want to be in charge of their own destiny now and in the future. It worked for this city and could probably work in other New Jersey cities if the voters have the courage to challenge the status quo.

Christine Todd Whitman certainly

...

had that kind of moxie; that's why she will be remembered as New Jersey's first ever woman governor on January 18th. Our expectations for the New governor are high, but cautious because we know there will be times when political correctness will be the most prudent direction to follow. We have always given our governors the benefit of doubt in decision-making and should extend governor-elect Whitman the same freedom of choice.

For years this columnist has been touting women as the greatest untapped resource for creativity and change in governmental policy in New Jersey.

Equal opportunities are there. Ms. Whitman stakes this belief. Three of her first Cabinet nominees are females with impressive credentials for handling their assignments.

There is a special pride in the African-American community, that Montclair attorney Lorna Hooks has been nominated for the post of Secretary of State. At 35, Hooks

has already garnered impressive credentials as a corporate lawyer, a private practitioner and governmental consultant. The bonding between Whitman and Hooks occurred when Whitman was then heading the state Police Utilities Authority and the Secretary of State designate was her chief of staff.

In making the announcement of the nomination, Ms. Whitman said, "under Hooks the duties of Secretary will be expanded, she will be speaking for the Governor." It's the first time I have ever heard a governor speak so out of sync for an African-American appointee, and will give this office the credit it never had in the past.

Every new administration has a right to choose its own team members. What is that Transition Committee all about. However, Re-

publicans have more difficulty appearing minorities because our numbers are in the GOP majority. Therefore administrative skills and meritorious service of appointed Democrats must prevail for African-Americans.

Dr. Kwaku Arkuwai deserves to return to his position in the Department of Higher Education. He is most closely associated with the Education Opportunity Fund, now in its 25th year of operation. Over 30,000 graduates in the public and private institutions of higher learning in the state have come through the EOF program.

As a result of Kwaku's ingenuity and superb administrative abilities and personal involvement, the New Jersey EOF funds head and shoulders above the program operating in many other states.

Hopfully Governor Whitman will not consider replacing either Dr. Arkuwai or Glenn Lang, another stalwart advocate for minorities in the Department of Higher Education.

Lam Simms in the office of the Treasury, is the first person of color to head the Division of Purchasing, a demanding job where the director must be particularly sensitive to contracting agreements and vendor doing business with the state. Simms is a woman with integrity and skills needed in this office.

Except during the years Mary Singletary of Monclair was head of the Division of Women, directors appointed by the governor, have had difficulty in making the office relevant to African-American women. Since her appointment as deputy director of the EOF last year, Michelle Tuck, a Princeton council woman and attorney with vast experience in government, has worked hard to close the ethnic gap between the state's female population. She should certainly be considered either for the post of director or continued in her present position.

The Office of Minority Health in the Department of Health cries out for the need to be continued under the direction of Rosalind Thigpen-Roddy, a health professional seen to move and encourage and lead the way for innovative health programs to address this pressing community need for the state's inner-city network.

The record of New Jersey Transit and its concern and efforts to interact with urban cities throughout the state, is a testament to the administrative ability that Shirley DeLibro, the executive director has brought to this important position. Not only will Ms. DeLibro continue to be an asset to the Transit Authority, but so will Z. Wayne Johnson, its vice president for the office of MBEs and Affirmative Action. Because Johnson's ability to get things done through the power of negotiation and his ability to bring transit needs and workers skills, African-Americans do considerably more than drive buses in the system.

There are other African-Americans serving state government without benefit of civil service protection, and they deserve to be kept on the job. They will be listed and recommended in subsequent columns.

This is an opportunity to thank the editor of *City News* for this column for your support and insightful comments about "As I See It" throughout the year. It has not always been easy to tell it like it is, because from time to time a friend or two gets caught in the squeeze between fact and fiction. But it's been a pleasure sharing what is or should be important to African-American in New Jersey... As I See It.

As my friend, former WJRN radio commentator Bernice Bass would sign off with a quote from Langston Hughes, "Silence is not always golden, sometimes it's just plain yellow." Happy New Year and God love us all...somebody should.

As I See It...



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

Plainfield residents react

to racism

Education meeting to voice their outrage and disgust at the racist literature distributed in their schools; and the teacher who openly passed the document out to a principal's advisory committee meeting to white faculty members only. The sentiment of the majority of people who filled the Board of School Administrators was overwhelmingly clear: the teacher should be fired and not allowed to spread his hatred and venom against our young people, whom he is supposed to be "teaching."

While the people were committed to stopping the Plainfield Board of Education, if they took firm and principled action, the statements made at the beginning of the meeting, first, by board president Debbie Myers Wild, outraged the public and sent off an angry protest by those in attendance.

Ms. Myers stated that the board would not consider the teacher's request that she return to the classroom the next day. That announcement didn't sit well with the public and initiated a chorus of disgust and dismay at the lack of respect on the Plainfield Board of Education's part.

Acting Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ronald Frye also spoke, and informed the public that the teacher would be expected to participate in sensitivity training and that this individual along with other teachers would be worked with to "convinced" them to teach our children. Peggy Wilds, the chairperson of the board's personnel committee told the audience that the teacher's professional improvement plan would be monitored very closely.

When the meeting was opened up to the public to speak, parents, students and other concerned citizens spoke out against the board's announced plan of action and demanded that the board review and rethink their weak response to this attack against our young people by this so-called "educator." Speakers included representatives from the NMCP, the Nation of Islam, former Board of Education members, various members from different PTA's and PTO's etc.

Brown deserves our support. And for those who think protest to save shows don't work, remember that *Where I Live*, the ABC-TV sitcom, is back on the air now only because the black community protested.

Send a two-sentence letter or postcard supporting the *Les Brown Show* to Michael King, president and chief executive officer, King World, 12400 Wilshire Building, West Los Angeles, CA 90025. Make a copy of the letter and send it to Roger King, chairman of the Board, King World, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

against the actions of the teacher, in connection with the current incident and what many cited as other alleged past actions by this individual that negatively impacted and demeaned our students.

The student representative to the Plainfield Board of Education, Ms. Elizabeth Johnson, the daughter of the Board's director, said she hoped the board would think about how the students feel who have to sit in this teacher's class who ridicules them every day. Her message to the board was that "we no longer need him." Former Plainfield High School graduate and recently announced Rhodes scholar, Nima Warfield who was in attendance and who had earlier in the meeting been recognized by the board for his award and recent achievements, was so troubled and disturbed by the board's decision that he publicly voiced his disappointment. He implored the board to "weed out the vermin" and those individuals who "believe that African-American children should learn."

Other young people spoke out and emphatically informed the board that they didn't want this teacher back in their school and felt that students wouldn't want to attend his classes knowing that he disrespects them and participates in insulting and degrading activities at their expense.

Due to the overwhelming response from the public, board members decided to go into an emergency meeting to review their previously announced decision. When they came back, the majority of the public was in agreement that they had heard their demands and that they would meet again on December 30th to carefully review this case and options available to them to address the public demands and adhere to the laws and due process rights of the individual teacher.

The community must remain vigilant and firm in their resolve as this issue continues to be discussed and debated. This incident and how it is dealt with will have a tremendous impact not only in the Plainfield school system, but in school systems across this country. More importantly, our young people, who had the courage to speak up, are looking to see if the board in their inaction, will be able to stand up to the strength and courage to protect them from these racist attacks and those individuals and people who would try to support these type of demeaning actions.

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TRENTON—The Friends of the State Museum will present a special program for children, "Holiday Magic." This includes the "Snow Show" at 2 p.m. in the Museum Auditorium. For more info, call 609-292-6464.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library presents a craft program "Amazing Mazes" 11 a.m. "Bingo" 2 p.m. and a "Kwanzaa Program" from 7 to 9 p.m. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

CONEY ISLAND—The Ice Bear Club hosts their annual swim in the icy Atlantic Ocean at Coney Island Beach. For more info, call 718-285-2888.

ENGLEWOOD—Conductor Zdenek Macal ushered in the new year with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and pianist Jeffrey Siegel at the John Harman Center at 7 p.m. For more info, call 708-800-ALLEGRO.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

ISELIN—"Kee Toy Train Show" will be held at the Sheraton Hotel at Woodbridge Place and Towers (Rte. One) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info, call 463-8696.

ENGLEWOOD—Conductor Zdenek Macal ushered in the new year with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and pianist Jeffrey Siegel at the John Harman Center at 7 p.m. For more info, call 708-800-ALLEGRO.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

TRENTON—Soil Conservation Agencies Sponsor 1994 Conservation Essay and Poster Contest "Living and Working in Harmony with Nature" on the theme Open to students grade 4-12. First place

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Newark fighting back to sponsor youth forum

NEWARK—On Tuesday, January 4, 1994 at 5:30 pm, Newark Fighting Back will sponsor a Youth Forum to be held at the Israel Memorial A.M.E. Church, 54 Lincoln Street. Newark. The purpose of the Youth Forum is to have youth, ages 19 and under, from Newark Fighting Back's target area, Newark's Central and North Wards, address their leaders concerning the barriers to inner-city youth making their full potential and how they believe these barriers can be removed. A second step topic will focus on ways to make neighborhoods safe.

Newark Fighting Back is an initiative to reduce the demand for illicit drugs and alcohol, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and other voluntary contributions. Members of the Newark Fight

Back Board of Trustees include Congressman Donald Payne, Newark Councilmen George Branch and Anthony Carino, Dr. Stanley Bergen and Essex County Prosecutor Clifford J. Minor. According to the Reverend Dr. Edward B. Smart, Chair of the Newark Fighting Back Public Safety, Public Service, Infrastructure and Empowerment Partnership Committee, "the Youth Forum will be a opportunity for young voices to hear community decision-makers. The forum will also be an important milestone in Newark Fighting Back's efforts to ensure youth participation in endeavors to enhance the quality of life in Newark. Key civic leaders including those from the law enforcement community are expected to attend. Individuals in speaking at this forum should call Newark Fighting Back at (201) 242-8200.

WPC students to visit Africa

ited the country last summer. "Yes there is still a clash between the modern ways and the tribal ways." A small country surrounded on three sides by Senegal, The Gambia is also famous as the birthplace of Kunta Kinte, the central character in Alex Haley's blockbuster novel, "Roots."

Prior to leaving, the students will participate in two seminars, during which they will prepare for the trip by planning stories they will cover and practicing with video equipment needed in the field. Once in The Gambia, they will rotate positions as reporters, producers and camera operators.

Participating in the trip will be Lisa Crawford of Englewood, Tracy DeVarno of Clifton, Alice Keim of Annandale, Jennifer King of Englewood Park, Patti Lewis of Hawthorne, Shae Lewis of Teaneck, Claire Lisa of Ringwood, Pilar Lopez of Lodi, Elaine Goedel and Kristine Groszholz-Novakowski of Wayne, Hillary Andrews of Upper Saddle River, Marianne O'Donnell of New Brunswick and Richard Rossillo of Ridgefield.

Rhodes, who has extensive experience covering international news stories in the Philippines, India, Africa and the Middle East, says the trip will offer the students a cross-cultural experience. "The Gambia is gearing up to be the Singapore of Africa. As one of the only functioning democracies of Africa it is quite free and politically very stable," says Rhodes, who vis-

Do Something Leadership Course

Sponsor: Newark Do Something, 35 James Street, Newark, NJ 07102. Board members: Lawrence Bridgeforth, Joaquin daSilva, Celines Figueras, Hoover Herrera, John Hill, Dereck Lane, Tamika Smith and Naiha Williams. Bill Hoogerp, Administrator.

Purpose: To help build Newark by creating additional opportunities for Newark Leaders, learn management theories and practice actual leadership skills. It is intended for those who are serious about building Newark into a better place for all, who want to build their own leadership skills and know how to have fun and laugh too. The course is non-accredited.

Age group: Any Newark area youth or youth leader (Age 15-29) can apply to be in the course. Final decisions will be made by the board. The main criteria for selection are commitment to Newark and the desire to build leadership skills. We especially invite youth staff from non-profit organizations, business, religious youth groups, and education (young teachers) to apply. Newark Do Something Fund board members and grantees are automatically enrolled.

Courses: 45 Tuesday evenings. (Jan. 11, 1994 - Dec. 13, 1994) There are 3 levels that the course goes through.

Time: Every Tuesday it is from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. The evening starts with dinner at 5:30 pm and group meeting/announcements exactly at 6:00. The training itself starts at 6:15 pm and ends at 8:00 pm.

Place: Undecided but somewhere in Newark.

Instructors: Each week will be a different topic (see curriculum other side) often with a guest instructor with expertise from the area.

Style: Highly interactive small group sessions with occasional speaker.

To graduate: Those who attend at least 11 of the 15 sessions graduate from that level and receive a framed certificate at the 15th session. Final graduation at the end of level 3 is December 13, 1994.

Cost: Registration, materials and books are free for those accepted into the course. (Normally this would cost \$200 for each level but it is paid by Newark Do Something.) However, each course member has to bring a group dinner (cost about \$60) three nights during the year.

Deadline: To apply: January 4, 1994

Girl Scout Council offers first aid training

WESTFIELD—Washington Rock Girl Scout Council announces a new cooperative venture with Union Hospital, a combination First Aid and Adult/Pediatric CPR course, to be offered in four hour classes in February and March.

The first session is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9 and Friday, February 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. People interested in taking this course in March can attend Tuesday, March 8 and Thursday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The fee for the course is \$40 for Washington Rock Girl Scout Council members and \$50 for non-members.

This course is designed to cover heart-saving instruction on

both adults and children including proper responding to airway obstruction (choking) on both conscious and unconscious patients and responding to cardiac arrests in infant, child and adult accident victims. This training is taught in accordance with the American Heart Association's program requirements.

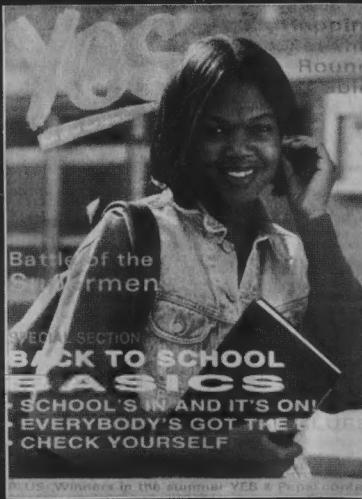
The First Aid portion of the course is designed for those individuals needing only a basic knowledge of first aid instruction. The program includes a lecture, books, demonstrations, skill practice, quiet time, a card for successful completion. Pre-registration is required.

For more information, call Rhonda, of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, at 908-232-3236.



PLAINFIELD—Stephen Callands winner of Union County Drug Poster contest, he is a student in Washington School in Plainfield.

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Religious Calendar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

SOMERSET—The First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens will hold a New Year's Eve celebration. Doors open at 9 p.m. For further information call 908-828-2009.

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Mayor Cooper unveils new sign for environmental center as Senator Coddy and Mudiwa Kumanyika look on.

MELD for young Moms seeks parent facilitators

PLAINFIELD—MELD for Young Moms, a school-based youth services program, offers new parents a chance to share parenting experiences and learn more about their babies and themselves as parents.

If you are a parent, why not become a volunteer group facilitator? Prior group experience is not required. Training is available by the staff. For more information, call (908) 733-3192.

Extended FSC program provides for seven weeks of eligibility

TRENTON—Eligible unemployed workers will be able to collect a maximum of seven weeks of benefits under the extension of the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program (FSC) signed by President Clinton on November 24.

The number of benefit weeks payable under the previous FSC program, which ended on October 3 was ten. The new legislation is retroactive to October 3, 1993. It extends the FSC program to February 5, 1994 for the filing of new claims and to April 30,

1994 for the payment of benefits. The Labor Department will mail information and application forms to claimants who exhausted their regular benefits between October 3 and November 20 and who are potentially eligible for retroactive extended benefits. These individuals will be able to file for benefits by mail.

Individuals who exhaust their regular benefits after November 20 should report to their local unemployment office to file an extended claim. Notification to report will be sent to these individuals when they receive their last check for regular benefits.

In addition to extending the program, the new legislation made changes affecting the amount of FSC entitlement and eliminated the option to postpone the filing of a new claim in favor of an extended claim.

The new maximum eligibility does not affect claims filed prior to October 3 in which the number of weeks of maximum eligibility was higher. Individuals who previously exhausted their FSC benefits are not eligible for additional benefits.

FSC, which began on November 17, 1991, is available to eligible unemployed workers who exhausted their jobless benefits under the state's regular 26-week program. Information on the extended FSC program can be obtained by calling the Labor Department's information hot line at 1-800-235-8924 24 hours a day.

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Mayor Cooper officially renames city's environmental center

EASTORANGE—East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper recently dedicated the East Orange Clean and Green Center to Makaza Kumanyika, the former director of the Center. The center was renamed the Makaza Kumanyika Clean and Green Center and a tree was planted in his honor at the site.

According to Mayor Cooper, Kumanyika, an environmentalist and community activist was an "important element" in the center. "Makaza was extremely dedicated to the center and working with block associations to beautify neighborhoods throughout our city. He was instrumental in encouraging East Orange school children to take pride in the city through beautification of their neighborhoods and schools."

Under Kumanyika's leadership, the Clean and Green Center excelled in programming including holding environmental workshops, flower and gardening give-a-ways, Good Neighbor Awards Program and the Clean and Green Youth Team.

The workshops organized by Kumanyika included Lawn and Flower Preparation, Heat Efficiency in the Winter, Starting a Successful Vegetable Garden, Installing Your Own Boiler or Thermostat, Fall Clean Up Day and Festival and Recycling Work-

shops."

In addition, he played a major role in identifying East Orange residents to receive "Good Neighbor Award" for maintaining an outstanding exterior of their homes.

Local school children also received special awards for a poster contest highlighting the importance of caring for the environment and recycling.

He also directed the city's Clean Sweeps Team, a group of high school students employed by the city, to clean up lots and other properties around the city. The students traveled to Philadelphia two years in a row to compete nationally on ways to keep East Orange clean and green.

"The Clean and Green center and its goals have definitely made a difference in East Orange," added the Mayor. "Due in part to Makaza's vision, the center has grown and serves an increasing number of residents."

The center is open to the public for borrowing tools and other equipment for sprucing and cleaning up gardens, homes and neighborhoods. Indoor equipment is also available for loan. The center also serves as a clearinghouse for the city's environmental efforts.

Health Calendar

FRIDAY JANUARY 7

WESTFIELD—The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. presents a seminar on "Crisis Intervention: Bringing Light into the Dark," from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$45 in advance and \$50 in advance. For further information call 908-233-8810.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

BELLE MEAD—Plan to stop smoking in the New Year? The Smoking cessation program at Carrier Foundation, 7-8 p.m., Rm. 601. For more info, call 508-281-1591.

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Here, (l to r) Charles Willingham, Newark YMCA Program Membership Director, John Powers, vice president, and Gregory Towers, Compliance Officer, both of First Fidelity Bank, work out at the Y's Fitness Center. Photo by Glen Frison

Families and corporate members enjoy Newark YMCA

NEWARK—The Newark YMCA membership drive is drawing to a close. The goals of the Drive included informing area businesses, corporations and families of the programs, facilities and advantages of YMCA membership. YMCA membership offers both

recreational and learning opportunities to both children and adults. Membership includes use of the indoor pool, free weight center, Nautilus Center and aerobic equipment, fitness testing, personal training sessions,

steam room, sauna for women, whirlpool for men, two gyms, racquetball courts, a squash court, showers and lock facilities, masseur, towel services and special events. For further information, call 624-8900 or stop by the Y at 600 Broad Street.

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ENGLEWOOD—The parents of YOUSEP children, a Youth Support and Enhancement Program for adolescents sponsored by Youth Organizations USA (YOUUSA), and the Concerned Black Parents of Teaneck New Jersey are presenting the first in a series of workshops entitled "The Education of the Black Child".

The workshop will be held on Saturday, January 8, 1994, at the YOUUSA Center, 19 Humphrey Street in Englewood, New Jersey, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Key-note speaker will be Ms. Aminisha Black, a dynamic and prolific speaker and expert on the Black family. In addition to addressing various issues that affect the Black family, Ms. Black will also address topics related to abuse of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs in the community and their effect on the family.

The Youth Support and Enhancement Program (YOUSEP) is founded on the concept of parents, educators, students, and community working together with a commitment to the betterment of the black child. Together, the two programs seek to edify, enlighten, and empower the black child and parent.



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Billboard

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

BROOKLYN, NY—BACA Downtown Theatre, the resident theatre of The Brooklyn Arts Council presents "Mariene, Mariene" a cabaret musical at 105 Camden Plaza West. For more info. call 718-522-4324.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEWARK—An Essex County College, The African American History Month Committee presents an Art Opening 1 p.m. at the EGC Gallery. For more info. call 201-677-3054.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Crossroads Theatre Company is featuring "The House Down New Year's Eve" performance of Teletale Hearts and party. For more info. call 908-249-5560.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

NEWARK—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra presents a New Year's Concert. It will be at R. Strauss, Gershwin & J. Strauss, 3 p.m. in the Newark Symphony Hall. For more info. call 908-800-ALLEGRO.

JANUARY 4

HOBOKEN—Projected images of Hoboken County presents the showing of "Indonesian directed by Regis Wargnier. For more information call 201-217-4077.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

NEWARK—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform with a series of three guest conductors: Rochelle Ellis, Beverly Hoch, and Peter Kazarsas at the Richardson Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. For more info. call 201-624-3713.

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THE SCOOP

by Janice Malone

Jody Watley recently attended the "Salute To Women Leading America" dinner in Washington, D.C., where she had the chance to meet First Lady, Hillary Clinton. Watley says it was a honor to meet Mrs. Clinton, who told Jody she enjoyed her music. Jody is receiving her share of praise for the self-esteem track *When A Man Loves A Woman*, from her hot new album, *Intimacy*.

Ms. Watley talks with *The Scoop* about her new album and career.

The Scoop: The track "When A Man Loves A Woman" has some strong lyrics. Who are men reacting to the song?

Jody: "Men and women have both been very positive about the song. But, it's not a song to do male bashing. Rather, the song calls for respect between men and women and open dialog to, hopefully, end the battle between the sexes."

The Scoop: This album (*Intimacy*), isn't as dance-oriented. Have you burned out on much dance-style music?

Jody: "Yes, and no to that. I like a variety of music, so my goals change with each new album. It was never my intention to be a dance artist when I debuted my solo album. I just wanted to do something different than anything I'd done with Shalamar."

The Scoop: Do you think that some of the music in the 90's has helped diminish the relationship between black men and women?

Jody: Yes, and that's part of the reason for this album. I think we need more togetherness. We're in the black community suffer so much. The family has always been a very important part of our identity, from our grandfather on down. But, now it seems this respect gets more and more in the past. And, that's so tragic. So, it's my job to not only entertain, but also to inspire feelings that are more positive and will hopefully plant some needs of good ways and actions towards each other...I really hope my songs will get some dialog going between men and women, and show everyone to stop viewing women as just sex objects. I mean, relationships are very difficult and they all involve much more than just sex."

The Scoop: Are you a hopeless romantic type?

Jody: "(She laughs!) I don't know about hopeless, but I do consider myself to be romantic—I just am!"

Whitney Houston receives entertainer of the year Image Award

LOS ANGELES, CA — Whitney Houston, outstanding concert and recording artist and film star, will receive the Entertainer of the Year Award at the 26th Annual NAACP Image Awards on January 5, 1994.

The NAACP Image Awards recognize and honor those individuals who have contributed to the positive portrayal of African-Americans. Criteria for selecting the Entertainer of the Year include artistic excellence, community service and humanitarian efforts.

Whitney Houston's sensational rise to musical glory began at age 15 when she sang background vocals for Chaka Khan and Lou Rawls. After a brief modeling career, gracing the covers of *Glamour* and *Seventeen*

magazines as a page girl, she established herself as a recording artist in 1984 with her hit single duet with Teddy Pendergrass, *Hold Me*.

The next year, at age 19, she signed with Arista Records, and released her first album, *Whitney*, with a succession of number one hits including *Saving All My Love For You*, *How Will I Know*, and *The Greatest Love Of All*. Sales of her debut album were higher than those of any solo artist in the history of the Billboard charts.

In 1987, she released her second album, *Whitney*, which entered the charts at number one and marked the first time an album by a female achieved such status. The title song from her album, *I'm Your Baby Tonight*, was released in 1990 and was a first-time collaboration between Houston, L.A. Reid and Babyface, generated another mega hit for her.

Houston recently entered a new realm of entertainment when she delivered a rousing performance as Kevin Costner's love interest in the 1992 box office hit, *The Bodyguard*. The success of *The Bodyguard* can be attributed partly to the film's number one hit single, *I Will Always Love You*, which remained on the charts for a record 14 weeks, selling 4 million copies.

In addition to two Grammy Awards, 11 American Music Awards, five People's Choice

Awards and two Emmy Awards, Houston has received numerous humanitarian awards and distinguished honors.

Her nonprofit organization, The Whitney Houston Foundation For Children, is a vehicle for assisting homeless children, children with cancer and AIDS, families of U.S. soldiers, as well as helping to combat illiteracy and prevent child abuse.

Houston has received the Brass Ring Award at the Carousel of Hope Benefit for the Children's Diabetes Foundation an Ace Award, the United Negro College Fund's distinguished Frederick D. Patterson Award and countless others.

Each year, the NMCP Image Awards presents Special Awards to

those individuals and organizations whose contributions and achievements merit special recognition. The specific awards are given to: Kwanzaa Mumia Chairman's Award of Fame to Earth Wind and Fire, the Pointer Sisters, and Curtis Mayfield; Key of Life Award to Willie Nelson; and Corporate Award to Scott Sheen Products, Inc.

For ticket information, contact Terry A. Mitchell, Ticket Coordinator, at NAACP Image Awards Office at 213-26-IMAGE, 8383 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 260, Beverly Hills, CA 90211. The show will be telecast nationally on NBC-TV on Saturday, January 22, 1994 at 11:30 p.m.

Newark Public Library holds exhibition for award-winning Author Walter Dean Myers

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library has opened an exhibition of photographs from *Brown Angels*, an album of pictures and verse, by Walter Dean Myers. The exhibition comprises more than 150 extroscopic photographs and narrative glass-enclosed display cases. It is being held on the Main Library's third-floor Gallery and continues through January 8, 1994.

Walter Dean Myers has written many highly acclaimed books for children and young adults. Two award winners are *Scorpions*, a 1989 Newbery Honor Book, and *Now Is Your Time! The African-American Struggle for Freedom*, a 1991 winner of the Coretta Scott King Award (his fourth King Award).

He has been collecting turn-of-the-century photographs of African-American children for many years. The photos, which inspired some of the poems found in *Brown Angels*, were often forgotten in attics and old photo albums. His fascination for these intimate portraits compelled him to gather them in an album with his verse, so they may be cherished by today's children and for generations to come.

Once the photo exhibition is completed at the Library, it will travel over the next twelve months to other key cities: Washington, New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago. When asked why his exhibition was launched at The Newark Public Library, Myers responded: "Besides having a strong Black community, Newark is a city that is moving in the right direction. And its library is a major presenter of the visual arts for patients young and old."

The Newark Public Library is located on Washington Park. The exhibition is free and open to the public. For information call 201-733-7732.

The cover of Author Walter Dean Myers' *Brown Angels*

Kwanzaa New Year's Gala Affair
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April Sutton induced into Broadcasters Hall of Fame

HOLLYWOOD, CA — BET's Hollywood Hall of Fame has inducted April Sutton into the Broadcasters Hall of Fame. Sutton is the youngest inductee ever, in the history of the academy. "I'm so grateful to be in the company of so many outstanding broadcasters. I can now pass on a bit of inspiration to generations of young people who are aspiring to be successful in the field of broadcasting."

April is noted for covering such events as the Oscars, Emmy Awards, Grammy Awards, and the Image Awards. She holds a Masters Degree in Television and a Bachelor's Degree in Speech.

The dream continues

MORRISTOWN—Art In The Atrium, Inc. presents an exhibition entitled "Heritage...The Dream Continues." This celebration of African-American heritage will be on exhibition through January 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Friday, 8:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the Atrium Gallery, Morris County administration and records building. An official opening night gala/reception will be held on January 28.

"Heritage...The Dream Continues" explores a range of topics which include African-American history and heritage, the effects of social and political justice and injustice, racial consciousness and pride, music and religion featuring more than 170 pieces.

The exhibition offers insights into the iconographic concerns of many contemporary artists who are currently addressing and shaping the identity of modern African-American art. Among the artists whose works are presented are Romare Bearden and Nefertiti. For more information call 201-386-9875.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on "Wills and Estate Planning" at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square (off Ryders Lane), from 10:00 a.m. until noon. For more info, call (908) 268-8000.

ISELNJ — The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants will host an Accounting Career Fair at the Woodbridge Shores Hotel from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info, call (201) 228-4464.

Send Business events to:

City News

P.O. Box 1774,

Plainfield, N.J. 07061

Consumer Affairs offers advice on refund policies to holiday shoppers

NEWARK — One of the busiest days for New Jersey retailers is the day after Christmas, when thousands of shoppers return or exchange presents. It can also be one of the most frustrating days for consumers who discover that some stores have "no refund" policies or "partial" policies or that refund deadlines have passed.

Consumer Affairs Director Emma Byrne advises holiday shoppers to make sure they know store's refund policies before making purchases.

"Many consumers are under the false impression that stores must accept returns and exchanges," said Byrne. "But since New Jersey law does not dictate what type of refund policies stores can have,

they can legally have no refund or limited refund policies. However, whatever the policies are, they must be posted where consumers can see them."

The New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act requires retail stores to post their refund policies on signs that are either attached to the items, a fixed to all cash registers or points of sale, or located near the entrance, visible to consumers from all cash registers or posted at all public entrances. The signs must state the refund conditions, including whether proofs of purchase are required, deadlines for receiving refunds and whether the refunds will be in cash, credit or store credit.

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percent across the board. If you are spending \$400 a month at the grocery store, you may simply decide to cut your meat expenses by 50 percent. Meantime, in those cases where the reduction would be totally determined by you, you will have to negotiate with creditors to accept lower payments. Imply you are considering bankruptcy and that it would be better for them to get a lower payment than no payment. Note: Any such agreement must be in writing.

2. Secure an additional source of income! Your bottom line problem is that you need more money. You have to

get it through a part-time job or a home-based business, but get it. We stress this point because far too many financial experts would have you believe your primary problem is financial and not personal. There is a grain of truth to this. Living on a budget is important, we recommend it. But once overburdened with debt, what you need more than anything else is more money.

3. Debt Consolidation Loan As A Last Resort? People burdened with debt are too frequently lured by offers of debt consolidation loans. But you must always remember this im-

portant financial fact: You cannot borrow your way out of debt! Any loan (which must be repaid with interest) will put you deeper in debt. Yes, you may be able to work out favorable terms with your creditors, but this is not true to this. Living on a budget is important, we recommend it. But once overburdened with debt, what you need more than anything else is more money.

4. Don't Panic! Don't do anything rash or illegal. America does

not have debtor prisons. Just pay the most important items first. Prioritize your expenses. Those items at the top are the ones which must be paid no matter what. Keep your house, your car and your food on the table.

5. Consider Bankruptcy As A Last Resort? Most people estimate most of their debts. And since the nation's bankruptcy laws are very liberal, you will be able to keep virtually all your possessions. But, your credit will be ruined for the next 10 years. Thus, only consider bankruptcy when you can figure no other way out.

Helpful tips for telephone shopping

NEWARK — Shopping for the holiday gifts by telephone may be convenient for people who are busy, elderly or disabled. Consumer Affairs offers some helpful hints for at-home shoppers.

• Comparison shop by calling several sellers for the product you are considering.

Ask how long it will take for delivery, and what the shipping charge is per item.

• When ordering, have all necessary information at your fingertips, including the catalog number, size, model, color, shipping address and credit card number with expiration date.

Renewal

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and prayers wait for the most important event of the evening—the appearance of Heyoka—who are powerful medicine men.

The Heyoka, says Charon, "bless the people of the community and use their powers to mystify and entertain both adults and children." While acknowledging the spiritual importance of the event, the Heyoka also employ tricks and riddles to make children laugh and ensure that the pow-wow is a joyous celebration.

The Native American church claims the church of Peyote after a cactus that grows in the desert. But we begin the New Year with a meeting and prayer in celebration of the morning star which symbolizes the coming of the new day, the first day of the year. "They important," says Charon, "because it is a time when we thank the great spirit for the closing year and acknowledge that as hard as things might have been, they could have been harder. It is a time to give thanks because we are able to close out the old year, and acknowledge our hopes for good health and well-being in the year that is to come."

African-Americans: Blending Traditions Old & New. Though the celebrations are generally far less formal, African Americans also view New Year's Day as a time to honor family and community. Many African Americans host an "open house" on the first day of the year, welcoming family and friends into the home throughout the day for conversation and food. On a traditional meal "hoppin' John" (black-eyed peas and rice) and greens is served to bring good luck to those who eat it.

Black-eyed peas are said to represent coins and greens represent paper money. Together, they ensure prosperity in the coming year.

The origins of this custom are uncertain—some believe west Africans brought the black-eyed pea and its reputation as a good luck food to this country; others say it is actually a vestige of a custom practiced by English slave owners. Some Japanese-Americans argue that their ancestors brought the black-eyed pea to the U.S. Whatever its beginnings, the tradition of eating black-eyed peas and rice on New Year's Day is very much a Southern one practiced by both African American and white Southerners. Families with Louisiana roots often serve "johnnycake" bread and rice for "hoppin' John."

The African American Kwanzaa ritual, while not specifically a New Year's celebration, is observed by many African Americans looking to infuse their holidays with a greater sense of family and community and is very much a ceremony of renewal. Though Kwanzaa principles are rooted in African beliefs, the ritual was actually developed during the period of black cultural nationalism in the late 1960's.

• Keep a record of your purchase, including the order number and the date you placed the order, until you receive the product.

• Be extremely careful about giving out your credit card number or other personal information over the phone, especially if you do not initiate the call.

• If you have a problem returning or exchanging merchandise, first try to contact the store owner. If the problem cannot be resolved, contact the consumer affairs office in the county or municipality where the business is located. If there is no local consumer affairs office, contact the state Division of Consumer Affairs at 201-504-6200.

• If you don't see a return policy posted, bring it to the manager's attention and ask what the policy is.

• If you are buying a present for someone else, keep the receipt and write the refund or return policy on the back.

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• Be cautious about buying expensive items like jewelry or electronic equipment from street vendors. If you need to return the merchandise, chances are you will not be able to find the vendor again.

If you have a problem with a telephone order you have placed, and not been able to get satisfied by contacting the company, send details to the Consumer Affairs Department, Direct Marketing Association, 6 East 43rd Street, New York, NY 10017, or call or write your local consumer affairs office. The state Consumer Affairs office at P.O. Box 45025, Newark, NJ 07101, 201-504-6200.

For Puerto Ricans, neither Christmas or New Year's is as important as Three Kings Day celebrated on January 6th. On this day, Puerto Rican families visit with relatives and friends, sharing the traditional meal and exchanging the presents. There is one New Year's Eve tradition, however, called *Ano de Viejos* (Year of the Old Ones). Participants dress up as old people and travel from house to house, bar to bar dancing. They are given money for their performances as they make their rounds, symbolizing the last moments of the new year.

In Ancient Aztec civilization, El Fuego (the New Fire), a major purification ceremony, was held every fifty-two years. Today it has been resurrected by a relatively small group of Mexicans who celebrate it each year by performing

ritual dances in a public square in Mexico City. Though El Fuego is observed, it is not practiced by most Mexicans. Many more bring the dance to the new year by attending mass, having the midnight meal, and performing the folk customs of eating twelve grapes, one each minute before midnight, and tossing coins collected during the year in each of the four directions while standing in the middle of the street for good luck.

How each particular culture celebrates the New Year thing is certain, all people share the desire to be with those they love and usher in another year, thankful for the opportunity to live just a little longer, and hopeful that the new year will bring them healthy and happy. Happy New Year!

Angela Mitchell is a freelance writer for Scientists Institute for Public Information.

Leaders arrested

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from the child in the heart of the Nation's Capitol. The Wiz also sells more Gangsta Rap/Pornography than any other chain in the area," said Dr.

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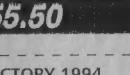
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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE ONE YEAR PERIOD

JANUARY 1, 1994 - DECEMBER 31, 1994

The Housing Authority of the City of Plainfield requests proposals for attorney-law firms to serve as legal counsel to the Authority for the programs outlined in the request for proposals. The one-month period ending 12/31/94. Proposals should address the following qualifying factors which shall be used to evaluate proposals and include the proposal term.

1. Experience with Housing Authority Counsel or HUD legal work or real estate law.....	30 points
2. Knowledge of and/or experience with HUD Public Housing Regulations and Procedures.....	25 points
3. Experience with State Public Agencies Law, in particular Local Public Contracts Law.....	10 points
4. Price.....	10 points
5. State Housing Code and Landlord Tenancy Law.....	10 points
6. Affirmative Action.....	15 points

Demonstrate compliance with requirements P.L. 1976, C 127 (N.J.A.C. 27). An Affirmative Plan is to be submitted as part of the proposal. Contractor to demonstrate record, ability and goals to make good faith affirmative action effort.

Attorneys submitting proposals must be licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey and must be in good standing from H.U.D.

Parties interested in submitting a proposal should contact the Housing Authority for proposals at (908) 753-3127.

Proposals must be submitted to the address below and must be received no later than Thursday, December 30, 1993 in the attached format. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any irregularities in the proposal process.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD
RICHARD D. FOX, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
510 EAST FRONT STREET
PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060

12/22 & 12/29/93

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, New Jersey will accept proposals for "Legal Services" for the fiscal year 4/1/94 to 3/31/95. It is the Housing Authority's desire to retain and employ a duly qualified Attorney to act as advisor to the legal needs of the Authority in connection with the general administration of its various housing programs. All legal services must be provided in accordance with the existing rules, orders, directives and regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, provided that such compliance is in the best interest of the Authority and is required by law.

1. Scope of Legal Services

The scope of legal services being requested will be as follows and will pertain to all of the Housing Authority's programs (including, but not limited to, Public Housing, Section 8 Vouchers, Section 8 Leased Housing, Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program, Community Development Program):

- attend meetings of the Authority when requested;
- supervise drafting of all resolutions of the Authority;
- serve as, to the legal, the official minutes of the Authority's meetings;
- confer with, advise the officers and employees of the Authority on Authority related matters when requested in connection with the general administration of its various housing programs. All legal services must be provided in accordance with the existing rules, orders, directives and regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, provided that such compliance is in the best interest of the Authority and is required by law;
- prepare contracts, legal instruments, legal documents, and other legal writings, as may be required in the interest of the Authority;
- review and approve the legality of Contracts, legal instruments, legal documents and other written legal material prepared by others and submitted to the Authority for action;
- handle in an appropriate manner, all legal questions and matters arising out of under legal contracts, legal instruments, legal documents, and other legal materials with or concerning the Authority;
- render legal opinions on all matters submitted by the Authority;
- perform all required legal work in connection with the financing of the Authority's programs, projects, or activities, excepting that legal work which may be required of a bond counsel;
- provide legal advice, assistance, and counsel in all actions arising at the Housing Authority;
- institute and bring to successful conclusion in Courts of original jurisdiction all actions for the recovery of possession of dwelling units or for the collection of rents and related charges;
- appear for and represent the Authority in all litigation matters, accept extraordinary matters as hereinafter provided;
- give notice to, and defend with, the Authority's insurance carriers in all cases of property damage or damage to property involving the Authority;
- All costs associated with the items contained in the "Scope of Services" will be covered by the basic retainer. Any item that is not contained in the basic retainer will require approval by the Board of Commissioners by motion or resolution.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- must be licensed to practice law in the State of N.J.
- should have experience representing other federal Authorities and an understanding of HUD funded programs and related federal regulations;
- should be fully versed in NJ Local Public Contracts Law, NJ Open Public Meeting Act & State Local Housing Authorities Law;
- must be approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development;

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

All qualified candidates interested in submitting a proposal for "Legal Services" should submit a written proposal based upon a lump sum payment schedule. The proposal should contain an amount for retainers which would be considered extraordinary in scope and outside the basic retainer. The basic retainer will cover all items contained in the "Scope of Services" (see "Scope of Legal Services"). A copy of the candidates resume should be attached to the proposal letter along with a brief statement of qualifications. All resumes should be sealed (envelope marked "Proposed for Legal Services") and delivered to the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, 775 Fifth Street, Secaucus, N.J. on or before Feb 24, 1994 by 7:00 PM. Proposals delivered after 4:00 PM, must be delivered at the 7:00 PM meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

A copy of the RFP, rating system and standard form of legal services contract are available at the office of the Housing Authority.

PROPOSAL REVIEW:

All proposals will be reviewed according to the "Competitive Proposal" process outlined in the HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 and HUD Notice PH 90-47. The Authority utilizes a proposal rating system which will be used to evaluate all proposals received in response to this RFP.

12/29/93 WILLIAM F. SNYDER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project No. 93-188

Housing Authority, City of Long Branch

Separate sealed bids for COMMUNITY ROOM HVAC MODERNIZATION AT KENNEDY TOWERS - NJ #3 - 8 will be received by Housing Authority, City Long Branch, the Office of Long Branch Housing Authority, Garfield Court, Long Branch, NJ until 11:00 o'clock a.m. January 14, 1994 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following:

Long Branch Housing Authority, Garfield Court Office
Long Branch, N.J. 07740

Copies may be obtained at the office of Robins Engineering, Inc. located at 54 Birch Ave., Little Silver, N.J. 07739 upon payment of \$50.00 for each set. Any unsuccessful bidder upon returning such set promptly and in good condition, will be refunded his payment.

Any non-bidder upon so returning such set will be refunded zero. The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions as specified in the bidding documents.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirement as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

12/15/93 HOUSING AUTHORITY CITY OF LONG BRANCH
DAVID A. BROWN
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INVITATION TO BID

(Carter Services at West End Gardens,
Emwood Gardens and Richmond Towers)

The Housing Authority of Plainfield desires to obtain proposals for caring services for its three (3) housing developments West End Gardens, 128 units, Emwood Gardens, 120 units and Richmond Towers, 225 units.

Proposal forms and information may be obtained at the office of the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms in two (2) sealed envelopes, showing the name and address of the contractor on the outside of the envelope, addressed to the Housing Authority office on the above address on January 6, 1994. Upon receipt of acceptance of proposal and award, the contractor will be required to immediately sign a contract and commence service. Contractor will also be required to submit evidence of required insurance. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality thereto.

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of proposals without the consent of the Housing Authority of Plainfield.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD

RICHARD D. FOX
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, New Jersey will accept proposals for accounting services for the fiscal year 4/01/94 to 3/31/95. It is the Housing Authority's desire to retain and employ a duly qualified Accountant to act as advisor to the Authority in all matters connected to the establishment and ongoing functions of the accounting books and records. All services must be in accordance with the accounting rules, orders, regulations and requirements set forth by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (including the HUD Accounting handbook, the Financial Management handbook and the Annual Contributions Contract).

The services that are requested will be as follows and will relate to all of the Housing Authority's programs (including, but limited to, Public Housing, Section 8 Vouchers, Section 23 Leased Housing, Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program, Community Development Program):

- Maintenance and establishment of the accounting books and records, including monthly posting to the general ledger. The books must be maintained in accordance with the principles and standards and the classification and description of accounts as prescribed by HUD.
- Preparation of budgets, financial statements and forms as required by law and the policies of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2) Preparation of all requisitions and financial reports.

3) Preparation of all state and federal payroll forms and reports (including a yearly reconciliation of all payroll deductions).

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5) Attendance at meetings with HUD staff, HUD Auditors, Independent Auditors and Commissioners as requested by the Board of Commissioners and/or Executive Director.

6) A copy of the income and expense ledgers or trial balance of the ledgers showing the amounts budgeted and the actual amounts for the fiscal year to date shall be provided at the end of each calendar quarter (at a minimum).

7) Preparation of a monthly reconciliation of bank accounts shall be prepared promptly upon receipt of the bank statements.

8) Preparation of a reconciliation of balances of tenants accounts whenever the summary of transactions with tenants (as furnished by the Authority) does not agree with the accountant's control records.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be a Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.), licensed by the State of New Jersey or a licensed Public Accountant.
- Should have experience and an understanding of HUD funded programs.
- Must be approved by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

All persons interested in submitting a proposal for accounting services should submit a proposal based upon a lump sum fee (payment schedule to be established by the Authority) to the continuance, development and expansion of services for women, infants and families residing in the target areas of East Orange, Irvington, Newark and Orange in Essex County, NJ. The total estimated funds available for fiscal year 1995 is \$600,000.

HMHB is part of a nationwide public education campaign. It is a network of professionals, consumers, volunteers and government agencies with a common interest in improving maternal and child health.

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- Ensure that women of childbearing age and their infants are aware of, have access to, and receive all necessary services;
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- Increase women and men's understanding of specific health risk and the importance of taking responsibility for health, childbearing, infant care and parenting;
- Reduce incidence of teenage pregnancy; low birth weight and infant mortality.

Parties interested in preparing a proposal must pick up a copy of the RFP between December 17, 1993 and January 7, 1994 between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:30 PM at:

Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies of Essex, Inc.
Planned Parenthood Building
151 Washington Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Complete proposals must be received by HMHB no later than 3:30 PM on Tuesday January 18, 1994.

12/22/93 JACQUELYN SPENCER COORDINATOR

WILLIAM F. SNYDER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**HEALTHY MOTHER/HEALTHY BABIES OF ESSEX, INC.
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies, Inc. (HMHB) is requesting proposals for the continuation, development and expansion of services for women, infants and families residing in the target areas of East Orange, Irvington, Newark and Orange in Essex County, NJ. The total estimated funds available for fiscal year 1995 is \$600,000.

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BID REQUEST

Request for Quotations from
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WILLIAM F. SNYDER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
PROJECT NO. NJ51-2, 3 & 5**

The Housing Authority of the Borough of Glassboro

Separate sealed bids for Coln-operated Laundry Equipment for 4 elderly apartment complexes located in Glassboro, New Jersey, will be received by the Housing Authority of the Borough of Glassboro, their office located at 737 Lincoln Blvd., Glassboro, N.J., until 11:00 o'clock A.M. S.T., Thursday, January 13, 1994, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

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1993-94 City News-area boys basketball preview

by Mark Prioleau

You can find holiday cheer and boos at an area high school gymnasium near you. No, there won't be a Santa Claus or any spiked eggnog. But you will enjoy the electrifying atmosphere of local boys high school basketball during the holiday tournament time of year. My present to you: The 1993-94 City News-area boys basketball preview:

Bergen County

1. Teaneck. The Highwaysmen come off a 16-8 season (12-2 in the NJIL), their best since 1986 with a loss to Bergen in the second round of the Bergen County Tournament, and a quick camo first round exit courtesy of Lakeland in the Group IV North Jersey, section I state playoffs.

Third year Head Coach Curtis March is still in search of a County Championship since taking over the boys program in 1991. He'll make a run at the title this year with 6-4" senior Corey Goodall, who is a division 1-A prospect, last year averaging 17 points and 13 rebounds per game respectively. Goodall will get help from 6-2" junior floor leader Maurice Williams, 5-10" senior Tony Clarke (when he becomes eligible in January), and 5-11" sophomore

stardom Michael Nunes, who could emerge as Teaneck's go-to guy. Also a key could be 6-0" senior Loren Ruffino contributes early in the season after coming of a knee injury that kept him out for more than half the season.

- 2. Bergen Catholic
- 3. Hackensack
- 4. Ramapo
- 5. Bogota

Union County

1. St. Patrick's: In his sixth season as Head Coach of the Celtics, Kevin Boyle has adopted a theory commonly used by Adams' 10 cold leglessbeads: "It's not the size that counts, it's the heart." That is, play anywhere, anytime, and your program will improve by simply playing the best. But when Boyle scheduled his team to take on nationally ranked high school power houses #1 Oak Hill, #6 Rice, #3 DeMatha, #11 Simon Gratz, #15 Dunbar, #18 St. Joe's (Ohio), and a few perennial local teams, he must have just finished watching Rocky XV.

With St. Patrick's monster schedule, Boyle relies heavily on 5-9" sophomore All-American Shaheen Holloway, who, as a freshman last year averaged 18.5 points and 9.1 assists per game. He'll get lots of

support down low from another big-chipplayer, 6-5" junior Rades Benson, who managed to flush one on North Carolina's Rashad Wallace, who attended Simon Gratz in Philadelphia a year ago as a high school senior. The Celtics will get a boost on January 15th when 6-5" sophomore transfer Winston Smith enters the picture. Smith averaged 17.5 points a game last year while attending Summit. St. Pat's won 21 games that season, and Boyle admits that number could easily be positive in '94 with their schedule.

- 2. Hillsdale
- 3. Union Catholic
- 4. Elizabeth
- 5. Linden

Somerset County

1. Bridgewater-Baratian: Tim Ortelli returns to school where he was once an assistant coach under the legendary late Vaughn Stapleton, who passed away mid-way through last season. In the past, Bridgewater has been the dominate team by far in Somerset County, but this season, several past victims of the Panthers are as close as they will ever be to licking their chops before doing battle.

Bridgewater is an inexperienced team with 5-9" senior Clarence Tally

and 6-3" junior Brian DiGard supporting them in starting roles for the first time in their careers. Ortelli says he's confident that his team will do well, but it won't happen overnight. If juniors Kevin Kretschy (6-3") and Jachim Gilliard (6-2") step up early on, Bridgewater can once again rule the county.

- 2. Franklin
- 3. Somerville
- 4. Hillsborough
- 5. Immaculata

Mercer County

1. Notre Dame: The Irish return two key players from last year's 19-5 team that beat McCorrisson in the Parochial. A South Jersey state playoff, 6-1" senior John Bucchere and 6-1" All-County senior Eric Lamplink are experienced veterans who simply don't make too many mistakes. The help will come from 6-3" junior Kevin McKinney and 6-2" senior Jared Bruck. Notre Dame was hit with a major blow when 6-3" senior Mikie Hackett suffered a knee injury in his anterior cruciate, and he will be missed for the season. 6-2" junior Matt Cristoforiletti will get the nod at the shooting guard and will look to knock down the three. Look for the

Irish to pressure defensively, and push the ball up on the offensive attack, but don't get fooled with the success of the transition game. Notre Dame excels in the half court offense with the best of them.

- 2. Trenton
- 3. Princeton
- 4. West Windsor
- 5. McCorrisson

Morris County

1. Delbarton: Dan Whalen's team will have to do without four seniors this year: the '92-'93 Green Wave team which ended up with a 20-4 record. Returning to this year's squad is New Jersey standout, 6-6" senior Bill DiSpaltro, who has already committed to attend Vanderbilt. He is a versatile player who can shoot the three, rebound, play defense, and play either side of the ball on the inside or out on the perimeter. 6-1" senior point guard Robert Lopez will run the show for Delbarton while drawing his first ever starting assignment.

Whalen this year, has his biggest team ever with 6-5" junior Josh Small Jr. and 6-4" senior Matt Dumba to help take the load off DiSpaltro.

- 2. Mendham
- 3. Morristown
- 4. West Morris
- 5. Boonton

Passaic County

1. Eastside: Head Coach Henry Baker Sr. has an abundance of talent in his program. Last season the Ghosts went 16-9, but did figure out a way to win the Passaic County Championship with Parsippany.

Eastside returns a nice mix of veterans and underclassmen to its varsity squad, not to mention a loaded junior varsity team. 6-2" senior Kwesi Moody, 6-3" junior Roger Alexander (an All-State Defensive-End in football), and 6-4" senior Henry Baker Jr., the coaches' son, make up this year's starting front court. The backcourt consists of seniors Carlton McKinzie and Jaled Strawbridge at the point and shooting guards respectively. Baker's young sophomore tandem of 6-0" Terrance Smith and 6-3" Dion Fuller are future division 1-A prospects.

- 2. Passaic
- 3. Kennedy
- 4. Paterson Catholic
- 5. Don Bosco Tech

Sportlight

by R.L. Greene

Once upon a time when the world was much younger, television came in only two colors, black and white. There were no more color than football players usually did on New Year's Day.

Across the country, there was only one big game for those black football fans who did have access to television sets. The Rose Bowl, pitting the champions of the Pacific-10 and Big Ten conferences, had black players not only performing, but starring on the field.

In those days of yesteryear, the University of Mississippi and Alabama and Louisiana State and Arkansas and other schools from the Deep South kept the other bowl

games as their own private post season parties.

My how times have changed.

On New Year's Day, the mythical national collegiate champion will be decided when undefeated Nebraska and once-beaten Florida State battle in the Orange Bowl, Miami takes on Arizona in the Fiesta Bowl, Notre Dame meets Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl and West Virginia and Florida meet in the Sugar Bowl.

It's also a good thing today's television sets are in color. Florida State, Miami, Notre Dame and Nebraska all are led by black quarterbacks. Virginia's soon-to-be-string signal-caller, Darren Suddsill, is also black.

Florida State's Charlie Ward is the recent winner of the Heisman

Trophy, emblematic of being the best college football player in the nation. His winning margin over Tennessee quarterback Heath Shuler was second only to O.J. Simpson's Heisman-winning victory over Purdue's Leroy Keyes in 1968, when more ballots were distributed.

Ward has been almost magical in running Florida State's Fast Break Offense, a no-huddle strategy that prevents defenses from substituting easily and often places Ward in a shotgun formation. This season, he completed 264 of 390 passes, 64 percent, for 3,612 yards. And when pressured out of the pocket, Ward is one of the most dangerous runners in college football today.

At the University of Miami,

which is known as Quarterback U., Ryan Collins has taken over the signal-calling role. In their last game, Collins threw for 392 yards and three touchdowns as the Hurricanes defeated Memphis State for their record-matching 57th consecutive home victory, a mark established by Alabama from 1963-82.

In the game, Collins was magnificent, completing 32 of 32 of a school-record 54 attempts with two interceptions. His touchdown throws covered 54, 2 and 25 yards, and he also ran 22 yards for another score. The record for the most consecutive pass attempts was set by Craig Erickson in 1990. "Ryan made some big plays for us," Miami coach Dennis Erickson said. "They blitzed us about every down."

"We got to him sometimes,

but he kept getting up," Memphis State coach Chuck Stobart said. "He was very accurate and performed well."

Nebraska has lost its last six bowl games, all but one of them to Miami or Florida State. This year, the Big Eight champion Cornhuskers will be led by Tony Frazier, a native of Bradenton, Fla.

"I'm more prepared this year," Frazier said of playing in a game that will determine the national championship. "I only had six games under my belt last year, but all I have to do now is learn the way I've been playing all year."

Like Florida State, Notre Dame has suffered just one loss, a shocker to Boston College the week after the Irish knocked Florida State from the ranks of the unbeaten. Notre

Dame's high-powered offense usually stays on the ground, but Kevin McDougal is equally adept at running and passing.

Although he's listed as the No. 2 quarterback, Suddsill is not a bench warmer at West Virginia. "People say we don't put up the points like Florida State or the other teams," Suddsill said of the Mountaineers, who are still relishing only their second undefeated regular season in school history. "But when our backs are against the wall, we come through. We might not be the best individual talents, but on the field, pound for pound, I think we are the best team in the nation."

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